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SUBJECT: SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS JOIN IN TO CONDEMNING
CHILE COUP

1. BELGIAN SOCIALIST(PSB) AND COMMUNIST (PC) PARTIES ORGANIZED JOINT MEETING OF SOLIDARITY WITH CHILEAN PEOPLE SEPTEMBER 18 IN BRUSSELS. MEETING FEATURED PARTICIPATION OF PSB/CO-PRESIDENT VAN EYNDE AND PC PRESIDENT VAN CEYT AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF LEAGUE FOR DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND TRADE UNIONS. PRESS ALSO REPORTED PRESENCE OF FNU MARCOS, IDENTIFIED AS COUNSELOR OF CHILEAN COMMERCIAL MISSION TO EC WHO HAS ASKED GOB FOR ASYLUM.

2. SPEECHES WERE RELATIVELY MODERATE. PSB BOARD MEMBER VICTOR LAROCK ACCUSED US CAPITALISM OF PARTICIPATING IN SABOTAGE OF CHILEAN ECONOMY. VAN GEYT STRESSED RESPONSIBILITY OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IN UNDERMINING ALLENDE REGIME AND CALLED ON PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN EUROPE TO APPEAL MASSIVELY FOR TERMINATION OF ABUSES AGAINST CHILEAN DEMOCRATS, THEREBY PRESSURING USG TO USE INFLUENCE WITH CHILE JUNTA.
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TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

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NATIONAL COMMITTEES OF FGTB AND CSC WILL MEET TOGETHER OCTOBER 9 TO DECIDE ON COMMON ACTION TOWARD CHILE. SEPT. 18 MEETING MOST NOTABLE, HOWEVER, FOR FACT THAT IT BROUGHT TOGETHER IN PUBLIC DISPLAY OF UNITY LEADERS OF SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES, COOPERATION WHICH VAN EYNDE DREW ATTENTION TO IN HIS ADDRESS TO MEETING.

3. COMMENT: CHILE COUP PROVIDED ISSUE ON WHICH IT NOT DIFFICULT FOR PSB TO ACCEPT COMMON CAUSE WITH PC. MEETING MARKED SECOND TIME IN LAST FEW DAYS THAT TWO PARTIES HAVE COOPERATED IN PROTEST AGAINST NEW REGIME (LIEGE DEMONSTRATION REPORTED BRUSSELS 5314.) COMMUNISTS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED BY OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE OWN RESPECTABILITY BY DEVELOPING PUBLIC COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH SOCIALISTS. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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